

Amendment No. 1 to HB1779

**Lamberth
Signature of Sponsor**

AMEND Senate Bill No. 1962

House Bill No. 1779*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-315(a)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(1) "Course of conduct" means a pattern of conduct composed of a series of two (2) or more separate, noncontinuous acts, including, but not limited to, acts in which the defendant directly, indirectly, or through third parties, by any action, method, device, or means, follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to a person, or interferes with a person's property;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-315(a)(5)(F), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(F) Sending mail or any electronic communications, including, but not limited to, electronic mail, text messages, or posts to social media or to a social network to that person; or

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-315, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(I) Stalking may be prosecuted pursuant to § 39-11-103(d).

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.